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HERE IS NEWS OF....THE RADIO ASSOCIATION OF ERIE, INC.

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The Radio Ass'n. of Erie, Inc. Serving area "Hams" for over 27 years.

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 by K3QAY.
Officers present, K3QAY, K3NAU, WA3HSR, and WA3EAY.
Directors present, WA3HSR, W3SN, WA3MAU, WA3KAI, and W3NFM (arrived late)
A brief round of introductions was then held.
The secretary's report for November was approved and corrected.
The Treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$382.29.
A motion to pay all new bills was made and carried.

Correspondence:

- 1) Bill for \$11.11 from Waterford Electric was submitted and turned over to the repeater committee.
- 2) Several club bulletins from the area.

Committees:

QUA-RAE - WA3TRJ reported a need for more supplies and that the December issue was printed and mailed successfully.

Activity - K3NAU reported that he and K3USC were disappointed at the turnout of members for the November activities meeting and stated that he hoped future functions would be better attended. Chuck also reminded those present of the Dutch Treat Xmas party this Saturday at Svden House Restaurant at 7:00 PM.

Old Business

Under old business, WA3HSR turned over \$18.00 profit realized on dinner tickets sales at the October Ham-let. This, along with \$96.00 profit from door prize ticket sales brought the total profit to \$114.00.

New Business

The Repeater Committee members were reminded of the election meeting to be held on Thursday, December 13 at the Red Cross building.

Members present were reminded that the purpose of this meeting was to elect two new three year term members to the Board of Directors. Out going directors were Bart Geer, W3SN, and George Dickey, K3VIP. It was declared by the election officers WA3MAU and WA3KAI that a quorum as defined in the by-laws existed and that the election could proceed. Valid Nominating petitions were turned in for the following: Charles A. Bliley, K3NAU, Robert E. Bair WA3HDK. There were no floor nominations.

It was further moved by K3WTZ that in lieu of secret ballot voting, that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the candidates nominated. This motion carried. It was agreed by the Board members to meet within the allotted 21 days, to appoint new business officers for 1974. A motion for adjournment was heard at 8:35 PM and carried.

73rd Mike Hall WA3HSR

1974 R.A.E. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____ AREA _____
CITY _____ STA# E***** ZIP CODE _____
A.R.R.L. MEMBER: YES NO
ENCLOSE REMITTANCE OF \$3.00 for 1974 and send to
THE RADIO ASS'N OF ERIE P.O. Box 844 Erie, Pa. 16512
Attention Membership chairman

The first regular meeting of the Erie Radio Association of Erie Inc., was held at the Red Cross Building 150 West 6th St., Erie, Pa., Jan. 3, 1974 at 8:10 P.M. EDST.

The meeting was called to order and Board Member WA3HDK announced the appointment of the following slate of officers for the coming year and presented them to the assembled members:

President :	"JIM" Fitzreiter	K3QHO
Vice-president	"PAUL" Mazza	WA3PZQ
Secretary	"BOB" Jury	WN3UCX
Treasurer	"BOB" Smith	K3WTZ

The previous Secretary and Treasurer were absent at this time so there was no minutes or treasurer's report to approve.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

K3NAU reported that the order to the Phelps-Dodge Company has been confirmed with a shipping report of December 22nd.

It was reported that the Repeater Committee Election will be held at the time of their regular meeting on Thursday January 10th.

WA3HDK pointed out the necessity for an early appointment for the members of the Field Day, Hamfest and Auction Committees. No action was taken at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

The question was raised by K3QHO as to whether the electric bill for the Repeater Committee has been paid for the present period. K3QAY explained that the bill is calculated at the residential rate and is as reasonable as could be expected for the amount used. It was suggested that the bill was possible taken care of through the proper channels.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was suggested by K3NAU that there be a program committee set up as soon as possible to formulate a suitable program for the coming year. This was discussed and there were several practical suggestions made for improving membership attendance.

K3QAY suggested the possibility of a Joint Hamfest with Meadville, Pa., Club(s) to be planned and publicized for 1975. No final action was taken.

A request was made for a volunteer to Chair the Auction Committee for 1974. No one seemed anxious to assume this responsibility and it was suggested that WA3HDK serve in this capacity. He declined because he is away attending school but stated that he will be glad to help when he is available. Further action was tabled.

WA3HDK raised the question of Code and Theory Classes being held by Radio Association of Erie, Inc., for 1974. He pointed out that there is a new package of Training Instruction Material distributed by ARRL and advertised as free material for this Training Program. The Secretary was instructed to write for a copy of this Training Material.

K3NAU brought up the question of securing an alternate meeting place for activities meeting for 1974. Discussion brought out that meeting places are generally expensive and that there are not many such places suitable for our meetings. This also brought out some concern about the attendance at Activities Meetings. No action was taken.

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WA3HDK mentioned that the usual article that has been published in the QUA-RAE quarterly for some time naming the Ham of the Month has been omitted for the last several months. In his opinion it would be an advantage to continue this article.

K3QHO asked for volunteers to re-establish this article. K3NAU was asked to take charge of this. He agreed to look into the possibilities of continuing this feature.

Mention was made of the need to appoint a member to the Auditing Committee. K3QHO appointed W3SN to this position.

W3SN made a motion that the meeting be adjourned and it was seconded by K3NAU. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

"73" Bob Jury Secretary VN3UCX

AUCTION REACTION W3SN

As usual at last June 's auction I bought dust collector's for my junk box. This time I bought a bundle of Nostalgia - or rather a few back issues of QST.

"W3SN" was quite active back in the late 20's and early 30's. And in the twenties I didn't know Ham Radio existed. I wouldn't have cared either. It seems "W3SN" was a club station at Fort Howard, Maryland. One of the enlisted men kept "W3SN" in the thick of things - he even made the A-1 operators club. Golly I wish I were good enough to qualify for that honor. (W3LOS made it - he earned it)

I noted that among the calls handling traffic with large monthly totals was a W8DSS. That suffix sounded familiar. W2DSS was checking into the WPA CW traffic net a lot last June.

When I learned W2DSS was in Oneida, NY. I made up a message for my Brother-in-law who lives there. After passing the message to W2DSS he said he knew my brother-in-law and had often bowled on teams with him. So I asked W2DSS if he had been W8DSS before World War II. He had. He'd been W8DSS from 1926 till WW II's ending and then was given W2DSS when the districts were re-shuffled.

Between QSO'S with W2DSS and letters from my brother-in-law I learned a lot about Charles Smith, W2DSS and ExW8 DSS. Charles was 80 years old and thru the years he had been an O.R.S. and R.M. and an S.C.M.. He too was an "A-1 OP". And according to my brother-in-law he was also a better bowler than I ever got to be.

Since coming to learn about W2DSS I've had two visits to his QTH. Charles and his lovely XYL have lived in the same house since 1921 so W8Das/W2DSS have had only one callbook listing through the years.

Charles and Vera will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this march. Vera deserves an award for surviving 48 yrs. of C.W. Hamming.

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Both Charles and Vera are avid antique collectors. Of course Charles has some radio antiques too, like an atwater-kent and a national SW3 (has 2).

During our QSO's W2DSS recalled the names and calls of old timers I has almost forgotten. Charles has schedules with several old timers; one of whom I knew back before I got my ticket. This chap was W8CSE of TULLY, New York. When I first knew "Ed" Preston he was one of the highly regarded Hams in Central New York. In my awe of him I always spoke of him as "Mr." Preston. Now 40 yrs. later he is only 70 yrs. old and I call him "ED". Ed's present call is W2RIZ and thru W2DSS'S effort I've had a couple QSO's with this old timer.

I refer to "ED" as being only 70 because he has a SKFD 4 times a week with a real senior citizen, W2LTI, who is 90 yrs. old and is the senior citizen of his senior citizen's club in N.J. .

W2RIZ and W2LTI get together on 3680 kc Mon., tues, wed., and Fri. at 4:00P.M. local time. I've read their mail a few times and my ambition is to be able to handle code as well as they do if I reach their age.

Thanks to W3WVG's old QST's I've had an interesting set of experiences in the 2nd half of 1973. I wonder if another auction can trigger so much enjoyment.

"73" W3SN

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FOR SALE BY WA3HDK

Motorola 80-D, 2M FM, 12 volts, Dynamotor, or modified for external 110v supply, homebrew control head, 3 Freq receive, 2 freq xmit, P8476 sensicon receiver strip, Pa664 xmtr strip (30watts). Cables & H.B. control head on .34-.94 (ac supply furnishes 420VOC 250 VOC & 12 VDC) Ameco Preamp. \$50.00

Motorola 80-D 12V Dynamotor only *8461 xmtr strip modified with solid state W/xtals 146.28, 146.34, 146.94 rcvr P9016 unichannel xtal 146.94. Control head. and cable. \$45.00

Motorola 41-V. 15 watt vibrator, 12 volt, 8528 Recvr strip, 9020 xmtr strip power plug and control head. No cable. \$25.00

Home-brew power supply 110VAC - output 420 VDC 250 VDC, 12 V DC can be used with #1 or #5 Schematic. \$25/00

Hallicrafters CSB-30 (30 watts) & tube type. Late model, narrow band with 10.7 Mc Xtal filter RCVR, solid state RS. front or rear mount. Modified to work on 110 volt RS. Also (see #4) with book .34-.94-.94

ALL UNITS WITH SCHEMATICS, AND/OR TUNE-UP INFO

A NOTE OF THANKS

To all those persons who helped to make this paper the success that it is; we would like to extend our appreciation and sincere hope that you will all continue to submit your articles because without you there can be no paper.

WINTER, The National Weather Service gives its definitions of snow flurries, snow squalls, heavy snow warnings, blizzard, blizzard warnings, hazardous driving warnings.

There are winter storm safety rules, advice on what to do if you are trapped in a car during a blizzard and a wind-chill table that measures the combined effect of wind and temperature. WINTER STORMS (0,55,102:st7) Leaflet. Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D.C. 20402 Price 25¢

The RAE Christmas Party was held December 8yh at the Svden House Resturant in the Eastway Plaza. The Dutch treat dinner was attended by about 25 persons. Those in attendance were: K3QAY Brownie, W3STK Scotty, K3WTZ Bob, WA3HSR Mike, WA3EZN Dave, WA3TRJ Hoppy, W3SN Bart, Typist Carol, Junior a guest. The evening was enjoyed by all. Those of you who missed the dinner missed out on a fine meal and a very enjoyable evening.

Hi, Hoppy

Bill WA3PWL/Ø of Erie, going to school in Des Moines, Ia checked in twice in November. Local stations who checked in during November are Bart W3SN, Frank W3NGI and K3CB (Hank Ellis of North East, a veteran traffic man, who moved here about a year ago; formerly W2QC) Merry Christmas, OM " 73 " Leo

We would like to extend our sympathy to W3Yor-W3VNF Dick Knight, whose wife has just past away recently. Andy Thayer W3TLA

WPA CW TRAFFIC NET ACTIVITY FOR NOVEMBER 1973

3 sessions 374 messages 419 QNI

3585 khz. daily at 0000 GMT

W3KUN	28	K3SJN	11	W3NEM	3	NOS (EST)
WA3SWF	28	WA3TMR	10	WA3QQR	3	
K3VQV	26	K3ZNP	10	W3ABT	3	
WA3SWS	25	W2DSS	8	K3HCT	2	
W3LOS	23	WA3PXA	7	WA3NAZ	2	
K3CR	22	W3KNK	7	WA3FWL/ø	2	
W3RUL	21	W3ATQ	6	WA3QLG	2	
W3LOD	18	W3STJ	6	W3ELZ	1	
WA3TTS	18	W3SN	6	WA3MDY	1	
W2KAT/3	15	W82GH	5		1	
W3IDO	16	WA2QNI	5		1	
WA3LDA	15	W3HHH	4	K3TEZ	1	
K3CB	14	WA3RWO	4	W3UCS	1	
W3UT/3	12	W9MUC	3	Others	8	

Sorry to be so late this month. I have been waiting for some WPA to come to get QNS for one of last month's session. I got neither one. The credits to individuals stations are off by the point in some cases because I don't know who checked in and who went to 3RN on the missing night. It was a very good month, with the greatest traffic total since April 1971. Keep the Ball rolling, fellas.

It is with the greatest regret that we report the death of WA3MDY's father, who died on November 26 as a result of an automobile accident. Many of us will remember meeting him at Cook's Forest State Park. We're very sorry, Dave.

I have been approached about starting up a late session of WPA, to follow the late 3RN. The great advantage of a second session is that distribution of traffic within WPA can be accomplished almost a day earlier. It also means getting seven net control stations for these sessions. If there is enough interest and enough volunteers for NCS, I would be willing to give it a try. Let me know how you feel about it.

The Keystone slow speed net (Kssn) has been re-activated as of December 1. It meets daily at 2330 GMT on 3585 KHZ. Please help to support the net by checking in as often as possible and by volunteering your services as NCS if you can KSSN is a great training net for future WPA traffic men. As one of its graduates, I know whereof I speak.

Ed W3SIJ is counting his blessings. A three-story plastic warehouse directly across the street from him was destroyed by a two-million-dollar fire recently. Ed just managed to save his car, which was parked in front of the burning building. If the wind had not blown the flames away from his home, Ed would have lost it and all his possessions.

The annual simulated emergency test (SET) will be held on January 26 and 27 1974. Keep these days open for intensive operating between 2:00 and 10:30 PM EST. Full details will be included with next month's bulletin.

And last but not least, we wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a New Year that will bring the fulfillment of your fondest wishes.

EC REPORT

First, I apologize for no report for the month, but other activities have kept me hopping. With the winter season upon us, we as radio amateurs can perform a valuable service just listening. Try and keep an ear bent on net frequency in case someone may need help.

This month's column will be devoted to a discussion and description of terms and warnings used by the National Weather Service. Storms to be considered will be those whose nature may result in a general breakdown normally and require amateur assistance. In our Erie area snow is the greatest threat.

Heavy Snow warnings are issued if a fall of 4 or more inches is expected within 12 hrs., or a fall of 6 or more inches in 24 hrs.

Snow Flurries, are defined as snow falling for short durations at intermittent periods. Snowfall during the flurries may reduce visibility to 1/8 mile or less but accumulations are generally small.

Snow Squalls are brief but intense periods of snowfall often accompanied by gusty surface winds. Squall type of snowfall is most common in the Erie area.

Blowing and Drifting Snow generally occur together and result from strong winds and falling snow or loose ground snow.

Blowing snow is defined as snow lifted from the surface and blown in such a manner to greatly reduce horizontal visibility.

Drifting Snow is used to indicate that the falling or loose snow will be blown into significant drifts.

Blizzards are rather infrequent in our area but a brief description of the warnings issued may prove to be helpful as well as informative. Blizzard Warnings are issued when winds of at least 40 MPH and temperatures of 20 F or lower are expected to prevail.

Severe Blizzard Warning indicate an extreme degree of winter weather. They indicate winds of at least 45 MPH with the snow and temperatures of 10 F or below.

A warning frequently issued by the local weather service is the Hazardous Driving or Traveler's warning. These indicate that falling, blowing or drifting snow; freezing rain or drizzle; sleet or strong winds will make driving difficult.

Winter storms can take a fearful toll of lives. Between 1936-1969 more than 3000 snow-storms related deaths were reported. These included over 1000 traffic fatalities with the remainder from over-exertion, exhaustion, exposure, falls heart attacks, related fires, electrocution and carbon-monoxide poisoning. Oddly enough, more than half of the reported deaths are from New England, New York and Pennsylvania.

Radio amateurs, we can never be sure what the winter will bring, but we owe it to ourselves to be prepared, informed and to take charge if the situation warrants. Keep this in mind during the coming season.

In other news, the 1974 simulated Emergency Test is upcoming fast. Planning is underway now and "volunteers" will be called and asked shortly. Another traffic collection station is planned for the central Mall.

"73" Mike Hall WA3HSR

WA3SWF	26	K3SJK	12	WA3RWO	4	WA3PWL/ø	2
W3LOS	26	WA3PXA	11	W3SIJ	4	W3EML	1
W3KUN	25	W3KNK	10	W3UCS	4	K3PIE	1
K3VQV	25	W2DSS	8	W3ATQ	3	K3TEZ	1
K3HCT	20	WA3TMR	8	WA3LDA	3	others	14
WA3SWC	20	W3UT/3	8	W3OEO	3	NCS	
W3IDO	17	WB2GBR	6	K3ZNP	3	Sun. K3CB	
W3RUL	16	WA3QQR	6	W3IYI	2	alt. W3MJ	
WA3TTS	16	W3LOD	5	WA3MDY	2	Mon. W3LOS	
K3CR	14	WA3NAZ	5	W9MUC	2	Tues. WA3SWF	
W2KAT/3	13	WA2QNT	5	W3NEM	2	Eds. WA3tts	
K3CB	12	W3SN	5	WA3RIZ	2	Thurs. W3KUN	
						Fri. W3NEM	
						Sat. W2KAT/3	

FOR THE SECOND MONTH IN A ROW, I am unable to get the QNS for one of the sessions. because of this, credits to some of the stations are off by one point. Also, both the QNI and QTC are again pro-rated. because of these recent occurrences, I am asking all NCS to send in their QNS within three days of the session. This will enable you to make your report while the session is still fresh in your mind; and it will enable me to work on my report a little at a time, instead of having it all pile up at the end of the month.

INCLUDED WITH THIS BULLETIN are WPA certificates, earned by the following stations: W3ATQ, K3CB, W2DSS, W3ELZ, K3HCT, W3IDO, W3IYI, W2KAT/3, W3KNK, W3KUN, WA3LDA, W3LOS, WA3MDY, W3MJ, W9MUC, W3OEO, WA3PXA, WA3QQR, W3NEM, W3RUL, WA3RWO, K3SJK, W3SN, WA3SWF, WA3TMR, K3VQV, W3YA, and K3ZNP. These certificates are for the year ending September 30, 1973. (They are being sent a little late; our supply of certificates ran out and we had to order a new supply.) Congratulations and thanks to all for an excellent performance.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN The Simulated Emergency Test will be held on January 26 and 27. See page 57 of December QST for full details. Enclosed with this bulletin is some specific information applicable to WPA. Please read it carefully, because it is somewhat changed from last year. Please participate to the fullest extent that you can, keeping in mind that the net is scored according to the number of messages handled, the number of different NCS, the number of different stations handling traffic, and the number of different stations performing liaison with 3RN.

Very 73 and 76,

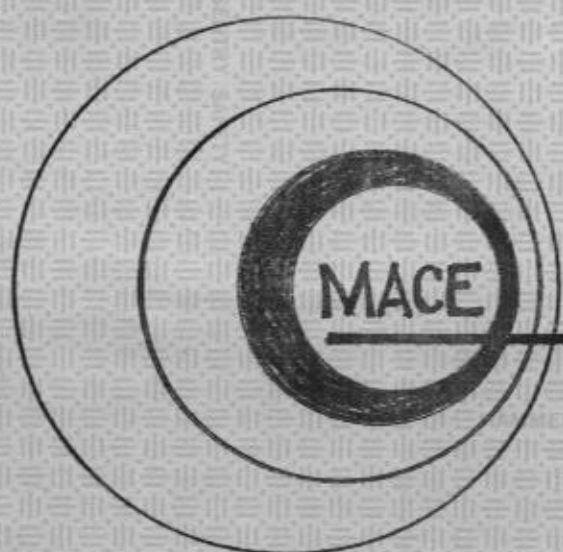
Leo B. Weiner,
W3LOS Mgr. WPA

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